

MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
2nd PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO JOINT BOARDS
JULY 31, 2014

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo called the special meeting to order at **6:30 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi	R. Neth, arr. 7:31 p.m.
M. Bronko, absent	A. Olbrys, absent
R. Burns, absent	P. Scully, Sr.
C. Ernsky	R. Vitale
L. Jackson	

PRESS:

L. Marshall
P. Singley

RESIDENTS:

Four

FINANCE BOARD:

A. Bottinick	D. Scinto
J. Branco Sampaio	D. Sheridan, Jr.
A. Campbell	S. Stirk
K. Kiernan	
A. Pistarelli, absent	

ALTERNATES:

W. McAllister, absent
J. Savarese
D. Wisniewski

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

R. Butler, Controller
K. Hanks, Fire Chief
S. Locke, BOE Superintendent
C. Montini, BOE Asst. Superintendent
B. Rizk, BOE Asst. Business Manager

OTHERS:

E. Carter, Mayoral Aide
R. Rebimbas, State Rep.
J. Jordan, Board of Education

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto who appointed J. Savarese in the vacancy of J. Tavares and D. Wisniewski in the absence of A. Pistarelli.
4. Chairwoman Scinto stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

Board of Education

Motion by D. Sheridan and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$61,304,206**.

A. Campbell in favor.

R. Neth arrived 7:31 p.m.

Motion by A. Bottinick and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$70,000 reduction security grant, \$60,000 reduction in

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replacement teachers' salaries, \$40,000 reduction football field reserve and \$11,000 reduction unfulfilled extra-curricular stipends) in the amount of \$61,123,206.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk
J. Savarese

ABSTAIN:

None

D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. Neth
P. Scully

Motion failed 6-10-0

Motion by D. Sheridan and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$600,000 reduction) in the amount of \$60,704,206.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

D. Sheridan
C. Ernsky

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan

ABSTAIN:

J. Savarese

S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski
L. Jackson
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

Motion failed 2-13-1

Motion by A. Bottinick and seconded by R. Neth that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$304,206 reduction) in the amount of \$61,000,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
J. Savarese
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan

ABSTAIN:

None

S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. Vitale

Motion failed 5-11-0

Motion by P. Scully and seconded by R. Neth that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$204,206 reduction) in the amount of \$61,100,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan

ABSTAIN:

None

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ROLL CALL VOTE: (continued)

FOR:

J. Savarese
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion was a tie vote. Mayor Mezzo exercised his right to vote twice.

Motion carried 9-8-0

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrative

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Vitale that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$262,149.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

Town Hall Building

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$136,712.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

Town Wide Activity

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$188,210.

K. Kiernan and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Department of Finance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$358,768.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$8,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position) in the amount of \$350,768.

L. Jackson and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Probate Court

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,860.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

Elections

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,531.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

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Tax Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$223,935.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

A. Bottinick
A. Campbell

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
J. Sampaio
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk

J. Savarese
D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 2-14-0

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$3,388 reduction in part time temporary help) in the amount of \$220,547.

A Bottinick, A. Campbell and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Property Assessment

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$209,936.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$6,505 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position) in the amount of \$203,431.

L. Jackson and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Building Inspector

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$206,830.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$506 reduction already allocated in Estimated Wage Increases) in the amount of \$206,324.

L. Jackson and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Information Technology

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$219,553.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

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Town Clerk

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$178,799.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$10,801 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position) in the amount of \$167,998.

L. Jackson, K. Kiernan and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Downtown Development

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$229,000.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$8,200 reduction based on final numbers for GDC) in the amount of \$220,800.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell

J. Savarese
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 9-7-0

Prospect Street School Building Maintenance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$54,980.

K. Kiernan and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Land Use

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$114,784.

L. Jackson and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Legal Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted

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as presented in the amount of \$283,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
D. Sheridan

J. Savarese
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
A. Bottinick
K. Kiernan
S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 9-7-0

Estimated Wage Increases

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$52,000.

C. Ernsky, L. Jackson, K. Kiernan, T. K. Rossi and S. Stirk opposed.

Human Resources

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$85,651.

C. Ernsky, L. Jackson and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Chairwoman Scinto recessed the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Chairwoman Scinto reconvened the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,481,578.

A. Campbell and R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position, \$11,980 reduction for radar and bike equipment, \$2,500 reduction for undercover car rental and \$1,700 reduction elimination of Cheshire prisoner program) in the amount of \$6,440,398.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 4-12-0

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Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position, \$11,980 reduction for radar and bike equipment, \$8,948 reduction in overtime with elimination of Dare Program, \$3,655 reduction elimination of Dare Program, \$2,500 reduction for undercover car rental and \$1,700 reduction elimination of Cheshire prisoner program) in the amount of \$6,427,795.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
D. Sheridan
J. Savarese

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 5-11-0

Motion by L. Jackson and seconded by J. Savarese that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$62,000 reduction for maintenance computer) in the amount of \$6,403,398.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Mezzo that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position, \$11,980 reduction for radar and bike equipment, \$2,500 reduction for undercover car rental and \$1,700 reduction elimination of Cheshire prisoner program) in the amount of \$6,440,398.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
D. Sheridan
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan

ABSTAIN:

J. Savarese
D. Wisniewski

Motion failed 5-9-2

Motion by K. Kiernan and seconded by S. Stirk that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$62,000 reduction for maintenance computer, \$25,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position, \$11,980 reduction for radar and bike equipment, \$2,500 reduction for undercover car rental and \$1,700 reduction elimination of Cheshire prisoner program) in the amount of \$6,378,398.

C. Ernsky and K. Kiernan in favor.

Motion by R. Mezzo and seconded by R. Neth that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position, \$12,000 reduction for maintenance computer, \$11,980 reduction for radar and bike

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equipment, \$2,500 reduction for undercover car rental and \$1,700 reduction elimination of Cheshire prisoner program) in the amount of \$6,432,398.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by R. Mezzo and seconded by R. Neth that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position, \$12,000 reduction for maintenance computer, \$11,980 reduction for radar and bike equipment, \$2,500 reduction for undercover car rental and \$1,700 reduction elimination of Cheshire prisoner program) in the amount of \$6,428,398.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk

J. Savarese
D. Wisniewski
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 9-7-0

Fire Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,007,001.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$4,000 reduction discretionary overtime, \$3,000 reduction medical exams, \$2,500 reduction in building maintenance, \$1,000 reduction in-house training, \$1,000 reduction fire equipment, \$1,000 reduction rescue equipment and \$500 reduction computers) in the amount of \$3,994,001.

A. Campbell, K. Kiernan, T.K. Rossi and R. Vitale opposed.

EMS/Ambulance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **EMS/Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$0.

L. Jackson, K. Kiernan and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Office of Emergency Management

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,000.

T.K. Rossi opposed.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,900.

T.K. Rossi opposed.

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Eastside Fire Station

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$18,250.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$1,000 reduction heating oil and \$1,000 reduction electricity) in the amount of \$16,250.

T.K. Rossi opposed.

Safety Patrol

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

T.K. Rossi opposed.

Fire/Police

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

T.K. Rossi opposed.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Social Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000.

C. Ernsky and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$75,130.

L. Jackson and T.K. Rossi opposed.

Visiting Nurses Association

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$385,324.

A. Campbell, C. Ernsky, L. Jackson and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,416,352.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

Senior Center

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$82,481.

T. K. Rossi opposed.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$4,680,969**.
Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$20,000 reduction for refinement of absorbed retirement position and \$5,000 reduction new neater uniforms) in the amount of **\$4,655,969**.

RESULT OF VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
D. Sheridan

J. Savarese
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
K. Kiernan
D. Scinto
S. Stirk
T. K. Rossi
D. Wisniewski

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 9-7-0

Engineering Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$314,332**.
Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$3,000 reduction retired employee license) in the amount of **\$311,332**.

A. Campbell, L. Jackson, K. Kiernan and T. K. Rossi opposed.

DEBT SERVICE:

Debt Service

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$4,173,213**.
L. Jackson and T. K. Rossi opposed.

PENSIONS:

Pensions

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$9,521,186**.
C. Ernsky, L. Jackson, K. Kiernan and T. K. Rossi opposed.

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NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

Insurance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,649,591.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$250,000 reduction partial deferral of payback to reserve of Worker's Compensation allocation) in the amount of \$9,399,591.

K. Kiernan, D. Scinto and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Community Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$973,525.

RESULT OF VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan

J. Savarese
D. Wisniewski
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
D. Scinto
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk
T. K. Rossi

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 10-6-0

General

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,263,115.

C. Ernsky, L. Jackson and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Reserve Fund

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$2,425,276.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by A. Bottinick that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$800,000 reduction of mandatory sewage study plans) in the amount of \$1,625,276.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
J. Sampaio
A. Campbell

J. Savarese
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk
D. Wisniewski

ABSTAIN:

None

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ROLL CALL VOTE: (continued)

FOR:

Motion carried 9-7-0

OPPOSED:

C. Ernsky
L. Jackson

ABSTAIN:

None

Contingency

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$400,000**.

A. Bottinick and A. Campbell in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$50,000 reduction) in the amount of **\$350,000**.

A. Bottinick, A. Campbell and T. K. Rossi opposed.

Revenues

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$113,868,086**.

L. Jackson, T. K. Rossi and D. Sheridan opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by T.K. Rossi and seconded by L. Jackson that the **Revenues Budget** motion be reconsidered.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$113,818,086**.

L. Jackson, T. K. Rossi and D. Sheridan opposed.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by P. Scully and seconded by R. Neth that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **11:41 p.m.**

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk